

REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS HAILS HOUSE PASSAGE OF FINANCIAL REGULATORY OVERHAUL

Comprehensive Reform Legislation Includes Numerous Driehaus Provisions

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Steve Driehaus, a member of the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, hailed passage today in the U.S. House of Representatives of comprehensive financial regulatory reform legislation. The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 would put in place sweeping new consumer protections, enact rules governing risky financial products and transactions, and help repair the systemic flaws in America's financial system that led to the current recession. Several measures authored by Rep. Driehaus were included in the legislation.

"As our economy continues to recover, we need to work to encourage growth and investment, but at the same time to fix the broken system that caused this global downturn. The lack of oversight and consumer protection in recent years caused the worst foreclosure crisis in history, brought our financial sector to the brink of collapse, and dragged us into the deepest recession in generations. This legislation will protect everyday Americans and help put us on a path toward economic prosperity and security," said Rep. Driehaus.

The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 includes provisions of several reform bills crafted throughout the year in the House Committee on Financial Services:

- **Over-the-Counter Derivatives Market Act**, which would enact new rules governing the trade of previously unregulated financial products;
- **Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act**, which would create an independent body to regulate the provision of consumer financial products or services;
- **Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration Act**, which would require financial advisers to register with and provide information to the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- **Investor Protection Act**, which would further protect investors from violations of the securities laws;
- **Accountability and Transparency in Rating Agencies Act**, which would enhance oversight of statistical rating organizations;
- **Financial Stability Improvement Act**, which would take steps to reduce systemic risk and help prevent government bailouts;
- **Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act**, which would move up the implementation dates of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act.

Several measures offered by Rep. Driehaus were included in the final version of the legislation. Rep. Driehaus offered as an amendment the text of H.R. 2550, [his bill to require the registration of municipal financial advisors](#)

. In recent years, unregulated advisors have bilked communities out of millions of dollars. This provision would aim to ensure local governments are receiving sound financial advice and are protected from excessively risky or fraudulent transactions that could threaten the municipality's

financial security.

Rep. Driehaus joined with Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) in introducing an amendment exempting from the Consumer Financial Protection Agency (CFPA) data service companies that are not in the business of offering financial products.

Rep. Driehaus and Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) offered an amendment to the bill's systemic risk provisions that would sunset the Treasury's contribution to the resolution fund. The underlying bill creates a council to monitor systemic risk and a resolution fund to wind down failing institutions. It also allows the Treasury to contribute to the resolution fund up to a certain amount. The Amendment would sunset the Treasury's ability to contribute unless Congress enacts a resolution of disapproval.

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